

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

concerning a

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER
FOR

CITY OF VACAVILLE
GIBSON CANYON CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
SOLANO COUNTY

On 30 January 2004, the Regional Board adopted revised Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R5-2004-0021 prescribing requirements for the Gibson Canyon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Gibson plant is owned and operated by the City of Vacaville and currently provides service to Mariani Packing Company and Albertsons Distribution Center.

The WDRs include a time schedule for the City to close the Gibson plant and to conduct corrective action due to salinity impacts to underlying groundwater. The timing of the closure was based on a schedule that would have allowed Mariani to obtain WDRs and a Solano County Use Permit for discharge of their industrial wastewater to land. The City has requested an extension of the time schedule for plant closure to allow time to design and construct sewer utility service from Mariani to the City's Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant in lieu of land discharge. The proposed Order contains a revised time schedule for closure of the Gibson plant in accordance with the City's request. The Order also requires the City to complete construction of a groundwater remediation system by June of 2006.

A **formal** public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 24 June 2005
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of Central Valley Regional Board
- City of Vacaville
- Mariani Packing Company
- Albertsons

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of

this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Board no later than **17 June 2005**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge. Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit evidence, if any, and comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **17 June 2005**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **17 June 2005** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions on the proposed item should contact Bill Brattain at (916) 464-4622. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative>. If you do not have Internet access, these documents may be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

JACK E. DEL CONTE
Assistant Executive Officer

31 May 2005